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Memorandum of Conversation

January 11, 1967
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SUBJECT: Non-Proliferation Treaty (U)

PARTICIPANTS: Mr. Berndt von Staden, Counselor, Embassy of the Federal
Republic of Germany
Mr. Samuel De Palma, Assistant Director, ACDA/IRCOPIES TO: ACDA (5) Amembassy BONN
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Mr. von Staden asked if he could be given the general content of the most recent instruction to Ambassador McGhee regarding our interpretations of the present text of the Non-Proliferation Treaty. He reported that Ambassador Knappstein had not had an opportunity to learn of its substance before departing Bonn.

Mr. De Palma paraphrased orally the points set forth in STATE 115228, indicating that Ambassador McGhee had been authorized to make these same points to Foreign Minister Brandt. In commenting, Mr. von Staden said that the central problem for FRG consideration, and the one in which Brandt and Schroeder would be particularly interested, is the treaty's possible effect on the future formation of a European nuclear force by a fully federated Europe.

Mr. De Palma referred to the timing problem, indicating that we hoped a draft treaty would be ready when the ENDC reconvenes on February 21, and that much consulting needed to be done in the interim. In responding Mr. von Staden characterized the new German Government's attitude as receptive rather than resistant in examining the whole non-proliferation treaty question, thereby implying a basis for believing the Germans would react promptly.

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Mr. von Staden expressed his thanks for the information and indicated that it would be used here for further explorations to be conducted by Ambassador Knappstein. Bonn had decided not to raise speculation by sending experts from there to Washington and accordingly, his Ambassador would probably propose to the Secretary (whom he was seeing at six o'clock this evening) that the Ambassador and one or two members of the German Embassy meet with a few U.S. Disarmament officials as required to obtain any further clarifications requested from Bonn.

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